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United States Senate

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Mr. John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

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The Joint Economic Committee is interested in preparing another study on the Soviet economy as part of its continuing interest in providing reliable current information on this vital subject to the Congress and the American public. We are mindful of the fact that the four studies on this subject previously prepared by our Committee owed a large measure of their usefulness to the substantive assistance extended by your agency in the preparation of the reports. We are hopeful, therefore, that you will again be in a position to provide the Committee with the research material in your area of specialization that will be required to prepare the indicated study.

This time the Committee has in mind a relatively modest study which will take the form of a statistical summary of recent economic developments, presented under a number of standard headings such as gross national product, industrial production, agricultural output, consumption, population, employment, wages, foreign trade, etc.

We should like to request your agency to prepare a number of significant summary tables covering the following subject-matter:

1. Gross National Product: Total, and End Uses
2. Industrial Productivity, by Major Sector, and Selected Commodities
3. Agricultural Production
4. Transportation
5. The State Budget of the USSR
6. Soviet Foreign Trade and Aid Statistics.

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We should like to have these materials early in December if possible but realize there may be some difficulties encountered in getting all of the necessary data. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact either Mr. Leon M. Herman of the Library of Congress (Telephone Code 173, Ext. 8014), who has been working with the staff in coordinating materials for this study, or Mr. James W. Knowles, Executive Director.

Faithfully yours,

Paul H. Douglas
Chairman